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| HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE |

## TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above - identified application.

☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendment of the
Specification, Abstract and Claims to conform the application to
U.S. requirements.